National Oilseeds Development Project (NODP) and Oilseeds Production Thrust Project (OPTP), etc.

(c) No targets for exports of agricultural crops have been fixed as such. However, Government of India intends to export 7 lakh tonnes of non-basmati rice, about 3 lakh tonnes of basmati rice and 8 lakh tonnes of wheat during this year. In case of cotton, the Government has so far released 1 lakh bales of Bengal Deshi cotton for export during 1991-92 cotton season. The release of further quota would depend upon the actual crop size and the requirement for the domestic consumption by the Textile Industry.

Financial assistance to Khambhat project

196. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat have approached Central Government for seeking financial assistance from World Bank for the feasibility studies of multi purpose Khambhat project and its studies for irrigation, tidal power and Road-bridge link of Saurashtra with south recently;

(b) if so, what are the steps taken by Government and what is the response of World Bank; and

(c) what are the findings of Government about Rs. 6000 crores Khambhat project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) Government of Gujarat has come up with a proposal for Multipurpose Khambat Project with a view to secure external financial assistance for pre-feasibility studies. The World Bank has opined that certain additional studies are necessary prior to pre-feasibility stage. The proposal is at a conceptual stage.

Water supply to Saurashtra and Kutch

197. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared the project for water supply to Saurashtra and Kutch finalised by Water and Power Consultancy Services (India) limited in 1989;

(b) if so, what are the details of this bridge-road-cum-pipeline project; and

(c) whether Central Government would assist Gujarat Government in view of majority of districts being drought prone and deficient in resources?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) On the basis of a pre-feasibility report submitted by Water and Power Consultancy Services (India) Limited on Water Supply to Saurashtra and Kutch Region in June, 1989, a project report was prepared by the Government of Gujarat and submitted to the Planning Commission. The project envisages construction of a lane bridge through the Gulf of Cambay and supply of water through a pipeline to be laid on the ground through the box girders of the bridge for crossing the Gulf of Cambay. The project proposal is under examination in the Planning Commission.